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SUBJECT: SEVENTH INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE,
SAN SALVADOR, JUNE 6-11,1977 - ATTENDANCE BY
USDA OFFICIAL

1. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WAS PERSONALLY INVITED TO ATTEND
SUBJECT CONFERENCE BY GOES MINAG ESCOBAR WHEN LATTER WAS
IN WASHINGTON LAST MARCH. ATTENDANCE BY US SECRETARY OR
UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WOULD CONTINUE TRADITION
SINCE FIRST CONFERENCE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN 1930'S. THE
SPONSORING AGENCIES, OAS AND THE IA INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTUR-
AL SCIENCES IN SAN JOSE, BELIEVE ABOUT FIFTEEN MINISTERS OF
AGRICULTURE WILL ATTEND AT LEAST FOR THE TWO DAYS PLANNED
FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, JUNE 10 AND JUNE 11.
USDA NOW ADVISES THAT SECRETARY BERGLAND CANNOT ATTEND
BECAUSE OF TRIP TO FAR EAST FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL.
CONSIDERATION THEREFORE BEING GIVEN TO OTHER RANKING USDA
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2. WHAT INDICATIONS CAN EMBASSY OBTAIN FROM GOES AS TO
PRESENT EXPECTATIONS ON ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS OR
EQUIVALENT RANK FROM OTHER COUNTRIES?

3. IN VIEW OF CANCELLATION OF IDB MEETING, ARE THERE

ANY GROUNDS FOR SERIOUS OBJECTION TO PRESENCE IN EL
SALVADOR OF HIGH RANKING USDA OFFICIAL FOR PERIOD
INDICATED? CHRISTOPHER

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